(b) whether it is because other Ministries also claim jurisdiction in this regard ; and

(c) the steps proposed to encourage tabacco and cotton cultivation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Government of India is implementing a non-plan scheme of tobacco under which seeds and seedlings of Virginia Flue Cured Tobacco (VFC) and Bidi Tobacco are produced and distributed to the farmers to encourage the cultivation of tobacco. Similarly, Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme to promote the cultivation of cotton. Under the scheme, farmers are supplied essential inputs such as quality seeds, pesticides, sprayers and irrigation sprinklers. Besides, provision has also been made under the scheme for organising field demonstrations and farmers training.

Cost of Fertilizers in Calculating Minimum Support Price

3306. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) while calculating Minimum support Price of Agricultural produce. whether the cost of fertilizers actually paid by the farmers is taken into account ; and

(b) if so, whether the subsidy on the actually goes to the farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM : (a) and (b) The minimum support prices are fixed on the basis of the recommendations of Commissions for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), view of State Governments, concerned Central Ministries, etc. While formulating its recommendation on price policy. the CACP considers a number of important factors like cost of production/ cultivation, changes in input prices, input/ output price parity, prices paid and prices received by farmers (Terms of Trade), etc. The cost of fertilisers actually incurred by the farmers is taken into account in computing the cost of cultivation.

Concessions are being allowed on sale of de-controlled phosphatic and potassic fertilisers to all categories of farmers.

Promotion of 'Green Houses' to Boost Agriculture

3307. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plan to promote 'Green Houses' to boost agriculture production ;

(b) what is the possible increase in production per unit area as compared to the present methods ;

(c) whether the cost of production per units increase by the new method; if so, what is the percentage increase ;

(d) whether the export oriented farms will be allowed partially to the 'Green Houses' and partial present methods ;

(e) what products will be allowed to be produced by hundred per cent export oriented farms ; whether foodgrain producing agri-farms will be allowed 100 per cent export ; and

(f) whether there will be some items which will form negative list in this category; if so, the details ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under ideal objection the yield can be 5—13 times higher than in the open field, besides improvement in quality of product.

(c) Yes, Sir. Cost would vary depending upon the type of green and the crop which is to be grown under it.

(d) Yes. Sir.